

REMARKS

According to *MPEP §1302.01*, a brief summary of an invention should be in harmony with the claims. Applicants herein amend the summary and additional parts of the written description so that the description is brought into greater harmony with the subject matter being claimed. See *MPEP §1302.01*

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed contemporaneously herewith for assurance that the present amendment after close of prosecution will be entered and considered. An issue fee is presently due in the present application on November 15, 2007. However, with the filing of the present RCE, applicants understand that prosecution will be re-opened and accordingly that an issue fee payment will no longer be due on November 15, 2007. The Office is respectfully requested to contact applicants' representative immediately if the applicants' understanding is not correct.

For the convenience of the Examiner, the amendments to the specification are presented in the form of a substitute specification. For the convenience of the Examiner, amendments previously entered to the written description are indicated in bold but not underlined font in the marked up version of the Substitute Specification. The amendments to the specification include a newly presented Abstract and Summary and amendments to the Detailed Description (now reformatted to include text formerly presented in the Abstract, Summary, and claims presented on filing) and Title so that the specification is more in harmony with the broad subject matter being claimed. See *MPEP §1302.01*. Regarding the replacement Abstract and Summary, the replacement Abstract and Summary are submitted for purposes of enhancing harmony between claims and the written description. See *MPEP §1302.01*. While the text of the new Abstract and Summary is not *verbatim* reproduced from the originally filed specification, the text is fully supported by the original specification (including claims) and yields improved harmony between the written description and the subject matter presently being claimed. As noted, *MPEP 1302.01* encourages an applicant to amend a written description for improving harmony between the specification and claims.

Also included herein are minor claim amendments addressing various informalities. The appropriateness of the various claim amendments is clear from the context of the previous response by applicants. The claim amendments do not alter the claim scope, and accordingly, the claim amendments will not be regarded as narrowing claim amendments.

No amendment presented herein contains new matter.

The amendments presented herein were not presented earlier for the reason that the review yielding the determination that the amendments would be desirable was not conducted until after the close of prosecution.


Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe the present application to be in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 503577.

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